

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 & Response to Restriction Requirement
US Appln. 09/899,601

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REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are all the claims pending in the application. New claims 22 and 23 have been added to further define the invention.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- Group I - Claims 1-6, drawn to a method of making paper;
- Group II - Claims 7-10 and 17-22, drawn to an apparatus for making paper;
- and
- Group III - Claims 11-16, drawn to a method of making annular paper bodies.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-6, without traverse. Further, by this Amendment, new claims 23 and 24 have been added to further define the invention. New claims 23 and 24 depend from claim 1 and, therefore, should be examined with the claims of elected Group I.

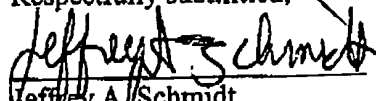
Conclusion

In view of the above, an Office Action on the merits is hereby respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 23 and 24 have been added as new claims.